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NCOMPASS DIAL-UP ACCESS

NSTN is setting up trial dial-in access to NcompasS in the metro area. This will allow non-NSTN subscribers, both libraries and the public, to access the database from home or office. If users have a computer and a modem, the dial-in will take them directly into the NcompasS welcome screen without requiring a login or password. The dial-in feature is expected to be made available for general use sometime in September. In the meantime, if you wish to try it out, the number to call is 494-7098. Please notify Betsy Armstrong (earmstro) if you encounter any difficulties dialing-in. At the end of the trial period, the access modems will be upgraded to 9600 baud and dial-in access can be extended to all areas of the province where there is an NSTN point of presence.

JOURNEY ON THE ELECTRONIC SUPERHIGHWAY

The Consumers' Association of Canada recently held their annual conference at the Ramada Renaissance Hotel in Dartmouth where a panel discussion entitled "Journey on the Electronic Superhighway" took place. Moderated by Dr. James Savary of the Consumers' Association, the panel participants were James Covey (Dalhousie University student), Dan DeMatteis (NovaKnowledge), Marion Pape (N.S. Provincial Library), Tom Regan (The Daily News), and Christian Worthington (entrepreneur). Items discussed

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were libraries and the highway, public space on the highway, and the concept of freenets as the main streets.

FREENETS IN NOVA SCOTIA

A provincial umbrella group is being formed and is organizing a conference on freenets in Nova Scotia. The conference, planned for fall 1994, is intended to help freenet associations share information. An organizing committee is currently being developed consisting of one person from each of the two existing freenets in N.S., two provincial government representatives and two to three persons from outside of metro Halifax. Anyone interested (and able to attend a meeting on July 29 in person or by phone) should contact Marion Pape at 424-2457 (mpape@nshpl.library.ns.ca). Each regional library will be invited to participate in the freenet conference which (we are assured) will not interfere with NSLA's conference in October. Further details will be available in future editions of THE DISSEMINATOR.

STAFF CHANGES

In Technical Services, Carolyn Blumsum, from the Acquisition/Processing Unit has resigned after being away on extended sick leave since last winter. Her position is being filled on a casual basis by Ping Xu. Ping worked at Provincial Library last summer and we are glad to welcome her back.

Carol Compton-Smith, Instructor in the Library Technician program at the N.S. Community College Halifax Campus, will be taking her sabbatical with the Nova Scotia Provincial Library and Education Media Services beginning August 1. We are looking forward to having Carol assist us in the development of multiLIS training packages and the EMS database as well as other automated applications.

NEW POSITION

Provincial Library has recently received permission to hire the long awaited Automation Trainer. This is a 2 year term position at a Librarian II level. The position will be posted in the Nova Scotia Government "blue sheets" very soon. Here is a summary:
DUTIES: Reporting to the Coordinator, Administration and Systems an experienced librarian
is required to develop and implement a training program on the efficient

use of multiLIS
software for delivery to regional public library staff and patrons.
This will include developing
training, information and promotional packages on e-mail and
interlibrary loan, use of the
internet and freenet applications, as well as on the efficient use of
all software on the
Provincial Library Local Area Network and NcompasS Network.
In addition, the incumbent
will advise regional public libraries on evaluation criteria for and the
preparation of
automation grant funding proposals.
QUALIFICATIONS: You will have a Masters Degree in Library and
Information
Science
from an accredited library school and a minimum of 3 years professional
or related experience.
Broad knowledge of and experience with library and automated systems,
microcomputer
applications, freenet and/or internet use are required.
Demonstrated adult training skills as
well as excellent interpersonal and communication skills are essential.
Knowledge of and
experience with regional public libraries and multiLIS
integrated library software is a definite
asset.
PAY LEVEL: PR 12 ($38,585- $45,796)
CLOSING DATE: August 15,1994
NOTE: This is a TERM position for two years with an anticipated end date
of October, 1996.
Please forward application and/or resume to: NS PROVINCIAL LIBRARY,
ATTENTION:
MARION PAPE, PROVINCIAL LIBRARIAN, 3770 Kempt Road, Halifax, NS, B3K 4X8
or
fax: (902) 424-0633. For further information or questions,
contact Marion Pape or Elizabeth
Armstrong at (902) 424-2457 or e-mail: mpape@nshpl.library.ns.ca,
earmstro@nshpl.library.ns.ca

RESOURCE SHARING NEWS

The Nova Scotia Resource Sharing Committee met recently to decide
on ways to follow up the excellent ideas and high interest
generated by the participants of the April conference. The
Committee decided to focus on two goals: the formalization of the

committee; and negotiations with Supply & Services for a province-wide rate on document delivery.

INTERDEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON WOMEN'S ISSUES

Andrea John and Donelda Richard, of Provincial Library and Education Media Services respectively, have been appointed to this committee, which has played a major role in improving the status of women in the civil service. By tackling issues in support of the committee's mandate (equality and fairness, education and training, and staff awareness and communication), representatives have made considerable progress on behalf of their colleagues in all departments of government.

CACUL LISTSERV

The Canadian Association of College and University Libraries (CACUL) has established an electronic discussion list to facilitate communication among members. The list will offer an opportunity for members to share information about their institutions' activities with other CACUL members, to respond to issues or concerns raised by CACUL Executive or other members, to suggest topics or respond to ideas regarding CACUL Conference programs, to share news about CACUL members, and to list job postings of interest to members. You do not have to be a member of CACUL to join in the discussion. To sign on to the list send the message subscribe cacul-1 to: listserv@unb.ca.

NEW INTERNET BIBLIOGRAPHY

Frank Oram has updated the Internet bibliography which was originally prepared some time ago. The revised bibliography contains the new books acquired for the Provincial Library's professional collection since October 1993 as well as a listing of books on the Internet available from the N.S. Dept. of Education Library. For more information or to obtain a copy contact Frank (foram).

CALL NUMBER BLUES

It has recently been brought to our attention that a problem has resulted from some regions assigning call numbers different from those assigned by PL cataloguers. The difficulty arises when

other libraries add holdings as they cannot identify which of the call numbers listed is the one chosen by PL. In order for you to recognize the proper number, our cataloguing staff have indicated that in most cases, the number assigned by them will appear in the 090 field of the bibliographic record. When adding your holdings, you may wish to check the 090 field before editing the item records. There may still be a few instances where this number will not be the proper one, but P.L. cataloguing staff are making an effort to ensure that the call number in the 090 field is, indeed, the one they have assigned.

Another problem is that the use of alternative call numbers makes searching by call number and classification number unreliable. In call number searches, only the last call number added is checked, so any item records with a different call number will not be retrieved. In classification searches, only the 090 field is checked, which usually includes only the PL assigned number not alternatives. Although, in the past, it has been relatively easy to accommodate the use of alternative call numbers by some regions, we currently find that straying from the centrally assigned number now causes problems. Regions should be advised that when they choose to modify the call number they are affecting everyone who uses the database. The use of alternative call numbers will be discussed at the next Automation Working Group meeting, but in the meantime, you are urged to think carefully when deciding to choose a different call number.

Reminder: When you are adding an item record and there are no item records already attached to the bibliographic record, DO NOT ADD ANYTHING. These records are in the process of being catalogued and the call/classification number may be changed, further adding to the problem described above. Please hold these items and keep checking the database until an item has been added by PL staff.

JOB OPENING AT MULTILIS

multiLIS, a Canadian company based in Montreal, is looking for an Implementation Librarian for the American and Canadian market. The successful candidate will be responsible for the implementation of the multiLIS software, as well as the training of new clients.

Qualifications: An MLS from an accredited library school. Five years experience, with at least two years in Library automation.

multiLIS experience desirable. Technical services background, especially in the Acquisitions and/or Serials departments. Good English writing skills. French language is an important asset. Applicants should have strong technical and interpersonal skills. Position includes frequent travelling. Salary is competitive with good benefits and the position is in Montreal. Please submit a current resume to: Alain Deschenes, Customer Service Director - multiLIS, 505 Rene Levesque Blvd West, Montreal, Quebec H2Z 1Y7, e-mail: a.deschenes@sobeco.com, phone: 514 878-9090, fax: 514 875-2673. CLOSING DEADLINE : July 29, 1994

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That's it for this issue. Stay tuned . . . .

If you have any questions or comments about the activities mentioned,
please contact the people involved.

We encourage readers to comment on items found in THE DISSEMINATOR and/or make suggestions about content. These comments should be directed to Sue Dirani (sdirani).

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